

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 3 and 4, without prejudice; amend Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6; and add new Claims 7-9 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A tool~~An apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel ~~in which comprising:~~

a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation ~~object is included; and while object;~~

a housing for holding a worm screw ~~is fixed to one end portion of the band;~~
band;

a plurality of slits for engaging with a thread of the worm screw ~~are provided in~~
the other end portion of the ~~band, the tool characterized by including band; and~~

a rotation restraining mechanism which restrains rotation of the housing caused
by a tightening torque of the worm screw by ~~projecting~~including at least one housing
extended portion that projects more outward than the housing in a width direction of the
~~band~~band.

wherein said at least one housing extended portion comprises a plate with a
cutout portion therein, where said cutout portion is formed by cutting a portion of said plate
and folding said portion over the band.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~tool-apparatus~~ for fixing an installation object on a wheel according to claim 1, wherein ~~a housing~~ said housing extended portion ~~projecting outward in a width direction of the band is provided to~~ is integrally formed with the housing ~~in one body with the housing~~.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~tool-apparatus~~ for fixing an installation object on a wheel according to ~~claim 4,~~ claim 8, wherein the extension-member extended portion is formed of an elastically deformable material, and thereby, when the band is fastened, the ~~extension-member extended portion is allowed to become~~ becomes deformed along a contour of the rim well portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for fixing an installation object on a wheel by use of a fixing ~~tool-apparatus~~ in which a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation object is included; and while a housing for holding a worm screw is fixed to one end portion of the band, a plurality of slits for engaging with a thread of the worm screw are provided in the other end portion of the band, the method characterized by including the steps of pressing the housing against the rim well portion by means of a rotation preventing jig which is matched with a shape of the housing, and tightening the worm screw in a state where the housing is pressed.

7. (New) An apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel comprising:

a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation object;

a housing for holding a worm screw fixed to one end portion of the band;

a plurality of slits for engaging with a thread of the worm screw provided in the other end portion of the band; and

a rotation restraining mechanism which restrains rotation of the housing caused by a tightening torque of the worm screw by including at least one band extended portion that projects more outward than the housing in a width direction of the band,

wherein said at least one band extended portion comprises a portion of said band that extends outwards from said band in the width direction, and further wherein said at least one band extended portion is integrally formed with said band of a same material as said band.

8. (New) An apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel comprising:

a band which is looped around a rim well portion of the wheel and holds the installation object;

a housing for holding a worm screw fixed to one end portion of the band;

a plurality of slits for engaging with a thread of the worm screw provided in the other end portion of the band; and

a rotation restraining mechanism which restrains rotation of the housing caused by a tightening torque of the worm screw by including at least one extended portion that projects more outward than the housing in a width direction of the band,

wherein said at least one extended portion includes a portion extending outwards from said housing in a widthwise direction of the band, and further wherein said widthwise direction extending portion is installed onto said housing.

9. (New) The apparatus for fixing an installation object on a wheel according to claim 8, further comprising a plurality of fins extending in a heightwise direction, wherein said fins are connected to said widthwise direction extending portion.